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Honorable Chairman and Committee members,

As most of you probably already know, CHS Inc. has strong ties to America's agricultural producers. Because of our strong belief in supporting our Agricultural producers and the superior products they produce, Mountain West Coop/Cenex was the first fuel distributor in Western Montana to offer biodiesel blends to the general public. Currently Mountain West Coop/Cenex operates two biodiesel blends pumps in Missoula, Montana. Our first biodiesel pump located on Brooks St first sold B20 to the public in the Fall of 2003. We opened our next biodiesel blend pump (B5) at our North Reserve St headquarters in the Spring of 2004 in addition to making B99 available to the public in spring of 2006. Today we continue to sell B20 spring, summer, and fall from Brooks St, changing to B5 in the winter months, B5 year round at North Reserve St, and B99 at North Reserve St. during spring, summer, and fall.

As with most biodiesel distribution across the United States, over time through trial and error and with information exchanges with other distributors, we have become very comfortable with proper blending practices, storage and distribution of B100 and Biodiesel blends. In addition, in a continuing effort to better understand Biodiesel's performance in Western Montana, we have used our own Biodiesel blends, from B20 to B5, in our own fuel transports that we rely on exclusively to ensure the timely fuel resupply of our geographically extensive fuel network. We have listened to the feedback we have received from our drivers. Overall that feedback has been very positive in regards to biodiesel's higher cetane and performance, its superior lubricity, and improved tailpipe emissions. Our own use has been trouble free, leading us to believe that Biodiesel blends of B5 and lower are suitable for use year round in Western Montana. Beginning in April 2007, we will be changing our Premium diesel fuels to B5 as well, offering Roadmaster B5(on road) and Fieldmaster B5(B5). We continue to research the use of higher blends and look forward to working with B100 produced from Montana grown oilseeds.

Please contact me with any questions regarding our own use and distribution of Biodiesel blends in Western Montana and thank you for your service to Montana, our country, and our democracy.

Sincerely,

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